

OLIVER P. SILVEY.

JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PICKLER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 877.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 877) granting an increase of pension to Oliver P. Silvey, having carefully considered the facts in the case, respectfully report:

Claimant served from January 11, 1862, to July 15, 1865. He was pensioned from date of discharge for disease of lungs, and is now drawing \$12 per month under the general law. In October, 1892, he applied for increase, and also for additional pension on account of rheumatism. November 17, 1894, his claim for increase was rejected on the ground of no increase, and the claim for rheumatism was rejected because he was not disabled by rheumatism at the time of filing. The evidence shows that he is now incapacitated for the performance of manual labor. This bill passed the Senate December 15, 1896, and your committee adopt the Senate report (No. 1121) thereon, and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

[Senate Report No. 1121, Fifty-fourth Congress, first session.]

The claimant was a musician in Company D, Forty-eighth Indiana Volunteers. He is at the present time drawing a pension at the rate of \$12 per month for disease of the lungs, resulting from exposure at the siege of Vicksburg, June 13, 1863. An application for increase on account of aggravated condition of the lung trouble, for which pension was originally granted, and also rheumatism and disease of the left leg resulting from the service, was subsequently rejected by the Pension Bureau.

The record in the case discloses the fact that the claimant is in very bad physical condition. Affidavits on file with the committee, signed by six prominent citizens of Stevensville, Mont., who have known the claimant for five years or more, show conclusively that the claimant is not physically able to perform manual labor.

Under the circumstances, your committee believe that a pension of \$20 per month will be commensurate with his disabilities, and accordingly recommend that the bill do pass.